

Submitted By:  
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
October 8, 2003

Approved By:

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Selectman Douglass, Wells and Rice present.*

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes

**All items, as well as one quit claim deed, were reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Conduct a Public Hearing for the GA Ordinance maximums

**Opened for public comment at 7:00 p.m. No public comments made. Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m. Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept the new GA maximums.**

- Meet with the Assessing Agent to discuss commitment and mill rate for FY 2004  
**Selectmen voted (3-0) to set a mil rate of \$14.60 (\$1.00 less then last year) for FY 2004 Taxes.**

3. Discuss the following issues

- Center Pond Bid and the scheduling of a Special Town Meeting

**Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept the bid of \$198,110.00 from CPM Construction with the stipulation that any savings in sheet pile by using shorter sections will be reimbursed to the Town and they must understand that the Town cannot commit more then the balance of the construction fund (\$64,896.00) until more funding is authorized at the Special Town Meeting to be held October 27th. The T/A will request a letter from CPM Construction which states that they understand these two conditions.**

**Selectmen voted (3-0) to add a second warrant article to appropriate \$10,000.00 from surplus for funding assessment equalization. The Town has picked up 9.6 million in assessed value and an estimated \$90,000.00 in supplemental billing through the extra funding provided by the 2003 Town Meeting for the review of properties that were issued building permits over the last three years. A total of 243 properties were visited (which consisted of properties on all tax maps.) Because of the success of this project they Selectmen would like to appropriate more funding to continue assessment equalization.**

**Selectmen approved the Town Meeting Warrant (3-0) as drafted with the extra article. The T/A will request that the Budget Committee provide input on the funding articles.**

- Small Point Road "No Parking Zone" Ordinance

**Selectmen voted (3-0) to decrease the requested "No parking Zone" to only include the section of Small Point Road (Route 216) from CMP Pole #284 (Small Point Water Company) to CMP Pole # 276 (459 Small Point Road.) A Public Hearing will be scheduled.**

- Letter from Ms. Pantelena concerning the sale of her property to the town for the Stoneybrook rebuild

**Ms. Pantelena offered to settle the financial part of selling her property to the town for \$2,100. Since this is an increase in the Town's offer of \$425 (appraised value),**

**the Selectmen voted (3-0) not to accept her offer. There was no documentation included with the letter to show where Ms. Pantelena's figure was derived from and it would be unfair to those property owners who had voluntarily sold there properties based on the appraisals which were done. The T/A will send a letter to Ms. Pantelena rejecting her offer.**

- Hiring/contracting for the cleaning of Town Hall

**Martha Smith is retiring from her custodial position at the Town Office. The T/A will advertise the job position locally by posting. No ad will be run in the newspaper at this time.**

- Possibility of a joint jail public hearing

**Selectmen requested that the T/A contact Sheriff Westrum and have a presentation done at a Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Douglass requested to know the annual cost to the Town and if municipalities could choose separate re-payment options. The T/A mentioned that Bill Totman, from the Budget Committee, had attended one of the Public Hearings.**

- Mailing of information to citizens concerning State Referendum Question #1

**Selectmen voted (3-0) to support referendum 1A. No mailing will be done, however Selectman Rice will draft an editorial for the Times Record, which will be approved by the other Selectmen.**

4. Review the following items

- None

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars

- Basic Municipal Budgeting Workshop

**Selectman Rice will attend.**

6. Miscellaneous

**Selectmen voted (3-0) to accept the 2004 State Valuation of \$312,400,000.**

**The T/A mentioned that P.R. Russell Inc., is interested in chipping the wood and building debris at the Transfer Station. They will provide an estimate.**

*Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.*